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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Hospital Mortgage In-
3 surance Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING NEED AND FEASI-**
5 **BILITY FOR HOSPITALS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (4) of section 242(d)
7 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-7) is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 “(4)(A) The Secretary shall require satisfactory evi-
10 dence that the hospital will be located in a State or polit-
11 ical subdivision of a State with reasonable minimum
12 standards of licensure and methods of operation for hos-
13 pitals and satisfactory assurance that such standards will
14 be applied and enforced with respect to the hospital.

15 “(B) The Secretary shall establish the means for de-
16 termining need and feasibility for the hospital. If the State
17 has an official procedure for determining need for hos-
18 pitals, the Secretary shall also require that such procedure
19 be followed before the application for insurance is sub-
20 mitted, and the application shall document that need has
21 also been established under that procedure.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by
24 this subsection (a) shall take effect and apply as of
25 the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (2) EFFECT OF REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—
2 Any authority of the Secretary of Housing and
3 Urban Development to issue regulations to carry out
4 the amendment made by subsection (a) may not be
5 construed to affect the effectiveness or applicability
6 of such amendment under paragraph (1) of this sub-
7 section.

 Passed the House of Representatives March 12,
2003.

Attest:

Clerk.